



The Aulneau Renewal Centre Presents: First Nations Family Attachment Program: Issues & Relevance

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March 12, 13 & 14, 2012

Registration at 8:30 a.m. Conference at 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

At the Aulneau Renewal Centre location

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First Nations Family Attachment Program & Processes

Since time immemorial First Nations people have viewed children as special gifts from the Creator. Prior to colonization, children were at the center of First Nations families and communities and were integral to achieve Mino-Pimatisiwin – living the good life. The healthy functioning of the community relied on the traditional Anicinabe parenting and family value systems that had been passed down throughout the generations and were reflective of thriving and sophisticated societies. The non-Aboriginal imposition of assimilating First Nations people, and in particular children, was done through Western world policies that impacted all areas of life for First Nations people. The negative effects have been far reaching, most notably the loss of culture and the breakdown of family structures and secure attachment processes.

The goal of this workshop is to provide educators, therapists, teachers, social workers, support workers, foster parents, parents & caregivers with an understanding of the attachment model that is reflective of our unique circumstances as First Nations peoples. The workshop will examine the impact of colonization and provide an understanding of the assimilation policies in a historical context and how these policies, through the Residential School system and Sixties Scoop, have contributed to the disrupted attachment processes that exist today. This understanding will provide the basis for which to move forward to discuss the concept of First Nations healing and how it can provide valuable insight into repairing the attachment processes.

Day 1: The Role of Attachment in Traditional First Nations Parenting, Family, & Community Practices

Day 2: Assimilation Policies, Intergenerational Trauma and their Impact on Attachment

Day 3: Healing Practices- Taking a Culturally Relevant Approach to Attachment

Aulneau Renewal Centre Certificate Training Program

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Registration Form

Mail / Fax registration to: Marie Hutchison
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Name: _____ Agency: _____

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Please register by March 5, 2012

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This 3-day workshop includes the following:

_____ Introduction to Attachment & First Nations Traditional Parenting	March 12, 2012
_____ Assimilation Policies & Intergenerational Trauma	March 13, 2012
_____ Healing Practices & Medicine Wheel Attachment Model	March 14, 2012

_____ 3 day workshop ~ \$295.00

The above workshops may be taken individually for \$125.00 each.

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please make cheque payable to (and send to) Aulneau Renewal Centre. Receipt of payment will confirm registration.

PRESENTERS

Dawn Isaac, BHEC, MAAC, holds an undergraduate degree in Human Ecology and graduate degree in applied communications. She has several years of experience in research & training with a focus on First Nations issues. She is Anicinabe Ojibwa from Sagkeeng First Nation and has received many traditional teachings from her grandmother Elder Mary Courchene. Her thesis utilized the Medicine Wheel as a pedagogical tool for understanding relationships and knowledge management. She is passionate about promoting a wide-spread understanding of First Nations issues both in a historical and current context.

Mary Courchene, BA, BED is a recognized cultural Elder in the First Nations communities of Manitoba. She is Anicinabe Ojibwa from Sagkeeng First Nation. She has been a classroom teacher and special education counsellor for Winnipeg 1 School division, principal at Sagkeeng, teacher at Brokenhead First Nation, student placement advisor for Frontier School Division, Superintendent for Indian and Northern Affairs, Canada, founding principal at Children of the Earth High School, and Dean of Education at Red River College.

Registration: 8:30 a.m. Training begins at 9:00 a.m. Days end at 4:30 p.m. Beverage breaks provided. Lunch is not provided. All day parking will be arranged for conference participants on the streets surrounding the Aulneau Renewal Centre. Registrations are non-refundable but are transferable to a substitute participant by request.